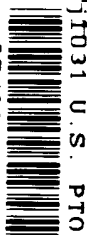


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1. Specification including 16 pages with 15 claims, 4 pages of drawings
2. Declaration and Power of Attorney
3. Assignment and Recordation Form Cover Sheet
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